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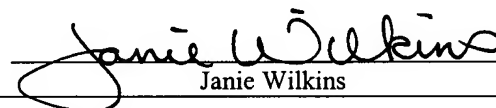


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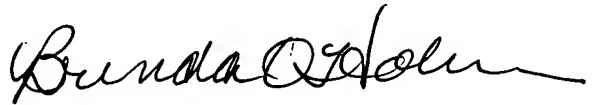
Sir:

In the non-final Office Action mailed on October 25, 2005, the Examiner stated that the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") filed on July 22, 2004 and received by the USPTO on July 26, 2004 failed to comply with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97, and 1.98 and MPEP §609 because no explanation of relevance was provided for CH 290 979 A or FR 641 519 A. The Examiner noted that a copy of the European Search Report was not received.

A copy of the IDS and the PTO/SB/08A filed on July 22, 2004 is attached as Exhibit A and indicates that the European Search Report was provided. An additional copy of the European Search Report is attached as Exhibit B.

The IDS filed on July 22, 2004 was submitted before the issuance of the first Office Action and no fee is believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 11-0855.

Respectfully submitted,

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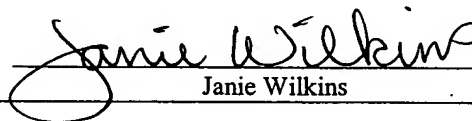
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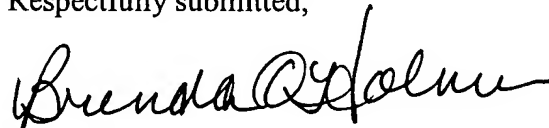
Each item of information contained in the attached Form PTO/SB/08A was first cited in the European Search Report mailed on June 14, 2004 in a counterpart European application. We also enclose a copy of the European Search Report.

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This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits and each item of information contained in the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08A was first cited in communication in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the statement. Therefore, no fee is required.

The citation of this information does not constitute an admission of priority or that any cited item is available as a reference, or a waiver of any right the applicant may have under applicable statutes, Rules of Practice in patent cases, or otherwise.

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